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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, DM (BEER, DAVID)

SUBJECT: U. S. PROFESSOR PROGRAM

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1. CU/AF DISCUSSED WITH BEER CONTENTS OF PARA 3 REFTEL AND HE IS SATISFIED WITH INITIAL THREE-MONTH ENTRY PRIVILEGES. HE IS WRITING PAO RE POSSIBLE COURSE ASSIGNMENTS. BEER EAGER TO ACCEPT FULBRIGHT ASSIGNMENT AND HE AND DEPT AWAIT FINAL APPROVAL FROM POST. ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. RE GNONLONFOUN'S REQUEST THAT SUBJECT OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BE RAISED WITH DEPARTMENT, YOU SHOULD TELL HIM THAT, IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED SIZE OF OUR EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH BENIN, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT TO HANDLE THE QUESTION OF DUTYFREE PRIVILEGES ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS RATHER THAN TO ENTER INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT.

3. FYI: WHILE WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER SPECIFIC
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REQUESTS FROM BENIN FOR CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE,

ANY INCREASE IN PRESENT LEVELS WOULD AT LEAST HAVE TO
AWAIT AN APPOINTMENT OF A NEW AMBASSADOR TO BENIN. PARA
ONLY JUST RECEIVED. WE BELIEVE THAT HIGH LEVEL VISIT
SUGGESTED IN PARA IS UNLIKELY DURING THE BALANCE OF THE
CALENDAR YEAR. KISSINGER

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